

Kentucky e-Health Network Board

April 2, 2008

Minutes

Meeting No. 23

Capitol Annex – Room 169

3:00 pm – 4:30 pm

Board Members in Attendance:

Dr. Larry Cook, Co-Chair – University of Louisville
Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair - University of Kentucky
Dr. David Bensema – Kentucky Medical Association
John Burkholder – Acting Executive Director, Kentucky Department of Insurance
Ron Carson – Proxy for Brad Cowgill, Kentucky Council on Postsecondary Education
Donna Chapman – Proxy for Betsy Johnson – Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Medicaid Services
Murray Clark – Kentucky Hospital Association
Steve Dooley – Interim Commissioner, Commonwealth Office of Technology
Angie Fain – Proxy for Dr. Ford Brewer – Toyota Motor Manufacturing
Dr. William Hacker - Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Public Health
Janie Miller – Secretary, Cabinet for Health and Family Services
Warren Nash – Proxy for Deborah Clayton – Commissioner, Kentucky Department of Commercialization & Innovation
Dr. Kimberly Williams – Kentucky Medical Association

Others Present:

Steve Nunn - Deputy Secretary, Cabinet for Health & Family Services
Kelly Rodman - Representing Humana, Inc.

Absent:

Barbara Haunz Asher - AstraZeneca
Representative Bob DeWeese
Bruce Klockars – Flaget Memorial Hospital
Senator Dick Roeding
Representative Tommy Thompson

Staff:

Barbara Baker, Policy Advisor
Laura Cole, Project Manager
April Smith, Project Manager
Donna Veno, Adm. Assistant

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Carol Steltenkamp, Co-Chair.

Welcome and Introductions

Board members and staff introduced themselves. Dr. Hacker reported that a joint meeting of the Health Information Exchange and Economic Development Committees will take place on April 16.

Review and Approval of March Board Minutes

Dr. David Bensema moved to approve the February board minutes; John Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion carried.

3rd Annual e-Health Summit Update

Barbara Baker reported that staff has worked on additional ways to increase participation at the Summit. A recommendation would be to possibly dovetail or collaborate with the Kentucky Medical Association or HIMSS to bring together a larger group. The KMA's Annual Meeting is scheduled for September 2009 in Louisville. Staff has had initial discussions with HIMSS and there is interest in this type of collaboration. Dr. David Bensema advised that the Medical Group Manager's Association also meets at the same time as the KMA and should be considered in the Summit planning. Options and recommendations will be brought back to the May meeting.

Remarks from Lt. Governor Daniel Mongiardo

Lt. Governor Mongiardo spoke to the Board on recent e-health efforts. A Request for Information (RFI) was released and will close April 30. He recommended that the Board establish weekly workgroups to identify the governance model for information ownership and information flow. He reported on his recent meeting with Senators Harry Reed and Mitch McConnell in Washington to discuss possible federal funding and possible changes to rules and regulations at the federal level. He also has a conference call with Senator Whitehouse from Rhode Island, who is the lead Senator in Washington working on e-health initiatives, and will report back to the Board on his meeting. Several recommendations were suggested to focus on the governance issue. The Healthcare Infrastructure Authority could establish a subcommittee on governance, the four standing committees of the Board could be redirected once the Authority is in place, or the Board could convene the Advisory Group to research governance models. It was also suggested that the Board go into an Executive Session to discuss the current governance mode. Co-Chairs will work with staff to identify an appropriate vehicle for these discussions.

Communications

Economic Development Committee

Warren Nash reported on the March 19th meeting of the Economic Development Committee. John Reinhart provided an overview on Microsoft's approach to rolling out their Health Vault product. Sheri Rose gave an overview of the recent HIMSS conference and the recent Tennessee Medical Network initiative with AT&T. The committee will create a white paper outlining the infrastructure pieces that would be necessary for a statewide e-health network which would also include the financial impact of each piece that is identify. A draft will be brought back to this Board for comment and input. At the April 16th meeting, the Chair of the Tennessee e-Health Council will give an update on their e-health direction.

Electronic Health Records Demonstration Project

Barbara Baker updated the Board on the CMS demonstration project to increase physician information adoption. Staff can be contacted for additional information.

Innovations and Best Practices

Health Information Technology Initiatives: A National Perspective

Cara Campbell from the National Governors Association, State Alliance for e-Health, presented an overview on the health information technology landscape on the national level. The Centers for Best Practices is considered the consulting arm of the organizations for states identifying models and best practices. A survey was conducted that identified what states were doing in the areas of priorities, health initiatives underway, various obstacles

and challenges, and lessons learned. The highest priority was the development of health information exchange. A big issue that was discovered is that there is variation in definition. Funding is a significant barrier to accomplishing state e-health priorities. A currently available resource on state's information technology financing is the National Conference of State Legislatures Health Information Technology Champions (HITCh) located at <http://www.hitchampions.org/>.

The State Alliance for e-Health is an effort to bridge all of the state's health IT efforts and establish a forum for health IT issues. Three taskforces have convened and include the Health Information Protection Taskforce, Health Care Practice Taskforce, and Health Information, Communication, and Data Exchange Taskforce.

The State Alliance's issues for 2008 include increasing knowledge regarding financing; sustainability and accountability for HIE, identify levers for states to further electronic prescribing, and continue to find ways to support standardization and interoperability. The first report to the nation on e-health and states will be completed in spring 2008.

For more information, visit the State Alliance for e-Health web site at <http://www.nga.org/center/ehealth>. To join the State Alliance Listserv, send a blank email to subscribe-state-alliance@talk.nga.org to receive updates and news.

This presentation can be viewed on the e-Health website at www.ehealth@ky.gov.

Physician Practice EMR Implementation

Dr. Robert Hughes and Sarah Lovett from the Primary Care Medical Center in Murray, Kentucky presented on their Digital Medical Office. The group practice, consisting of 10 physicians and 5 mid-level providers, was faced in 1999 with keeping patients and multiple medication records accurate and up to date, inadequate space for paper medical records, managing a large volume of prescription refills, and opening a new satellite office in Benton. The only acceptable solution to these problems was the implementation of an EMR.

The practice required that all physicians sign a contract agreeing to utilize the EMR. Should the physician not utilize the EMR and decide to leave the practice, he would owe the practice his portion of the investment which was approximately \$700,000.

The EMR is a wireless system which was fully implemented in Summer 2003 through a phased-in approach beginning with clinical messaging. Digital notes, practice management and billing interface, lab interface, and software and hardware upgrades have also been implemented.

Significant increases in efficiencies have resulted with the EMR implementation. These include the enhancement the patients' quality of care, the reduction in the likelihood of medical errors, the improvement in financial performance, the enhanced perception of the practice, and the increased pride and satisfaction of the employees and physicians.

Additional information on costs and return on investment is included in the presentation which can be viewed on the e-Health website at www.ehealth@ky.gov.

Medicaid Transformation Grant

Barbara Baker reported that staff is looking at various options for utilizing the funding. The options must be approved by the Department for Medicaid Services and the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services. The Healthcare Infrastructure Authority will be reviewing

all options. The RFI process will conclude on April 30 at which time staff will prepare a summary which will include a listing of vendor responses. Staff will report back to the Board at a future meeting.

Board Meeting

The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for May 7, 3:00 – 4:30 PM at the Capitol Annex, Room 129.

Submitted by Donna Veno
April 8, 2008